MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Am I to take it from the member that the reduced pay plus commission awarded to the Agent should not exceed the original pay of Rs. 500?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The pay plus commission may go up to Rs. 500. But after he makes up the Rs. 500 per mensem the balance commission will have to be divided between the Agent and the Government.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Is that a condition?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Is that to be the idea of Government hereafter?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Was not the Agent given B. Rs. 500 per mensem towards his salary?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): May be.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Then is not the figure given here *viz.*, Rs. 500-13-0 due to the conversion of British rupees into Sirkar rupees?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): May be.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Is the Sales Depot in Bombay a paying concern for the State so far?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) That is a question to be decided by the people who get the benefit of the advertisement etc.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): Does the amount of Rs. 1,446-10-6 include the pay of the Trade Agent or is it exclusive of it?

MR. N. K PANDMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): That refers to expenses towards the establishment.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): So, the pay of the Trade Agent is not included in that item?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): No.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): Why was it not included?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The Trade Agent was not in charge of the Sales Depot but he is the Trade Agent for Travancore.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Was any agent appointed for 1109?

MR N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): None except Mr. Kanji Dwaraka Das.

P. W. D. tolls.

16. *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount collected by the P. W. D. toll contractors as toll on bullock carts in the years 1108 and 1109?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The department does not maintain any accounts regarding the collections of the toll gate contractors.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know from the member whether the department insists on the contractors to keep accounts?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Does the member mean to say that they should keep separate accounts?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Yes.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): There is a rule that they should keep accounts.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): If so, may I know whether the department has called for the necessary accounts from the contractors?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): We ask for them and check them when necessary.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Am I to understand then, that the department did not call for the accounts of the contractors?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Is it because the department could not believe in the genuineness of their accounts?

PRESIDENT: I wish to draw attention to the Honourable Member's own question.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Is it the duty of the department to see that the contractors keep correct accounts?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice. I must look into the agreement.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Am I to understand then that the official member has not looked into the details of the agreement before supplying this answer?

PRESIDENT: Evidently not, because he says he must look into the details.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know from the member whether these accounts are periodically inspected by the departmental authorities?

MR. G. B E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

Proverthicars and Accountants in the Edappalli Edavagai.

17. *MR N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether the Edappalli Chief appoints persons having no knowledge in survey as Proverthicaran and Accountant in his estate; and

(*b*) whether they have issued a communication to the Edappalli Chief to the effect that only persons having qualification in survey should be appointed as Proverthicars and Accountants?

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